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SUBJECT: UN CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION: PROPOSAL BY
BANGLADESH ON SHARED WATER RESOURCES

REF: UN WATER CONFERENCE REPORT (P. 114 AND 115
ON SHARED WATER RESOURCES)

1. FOLLOWING IS LANGUAGE PROPOSED FOR ADDITION TO
VARIOUS PARTS OF DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION BY BANGLADESH, IN
CONTINUATION OF THAT COUNTRY'S EFFORTS (WHICH WE OBSERVED
AT MAR DEL PLATA) TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT
ON SHARED WATER RESOURCES. BANGLADESH PROPOSAL WAS
PRESENTED TO US CHIEF OF DELEGATION JOSEPH BY REAR
ADMIRAL M.H. KHAN, CHIEF OF BANGLADESH DEL, FOLLOWING
LATTER'S SPEECH TO CONFERENCE. SPEECH URGED THAT
CONFERENCE "ACCEPT PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN AT MAR DEL PLATA
ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION RELATING TO SHARED WATER
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RESOURCES. USDEL PRESUMES THAT GENERALIZED CONFERENCE
ENDORSEMENT OF MAR DEL PLATA LANGUAGE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER DELS BANGLADESH PROPOSAL WILL
MOST LIKELY BE MODIFIED IN THIS DIRECTION. USDEL
SUGGESTS CONSULTATION WITH BILL RHODES ON THIS MATTER
AND REQUESTS GUIDANCE ASAP, IF POSSIBLE BY OPENING OF
BUSINESS SEPT. 1.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE WORLD COMMUNITY HAVING EXPERIENCED VARYING DEGREES OF ARBITRARY USE OF SHARED WATER RESOURCES, SETTING OFF A PROCESS OF DESERTIFICATION, CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE COOPERATION IN PROMOTING AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND IN PREVENTING DETERIORATION OF THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE. IN ORDER TO COMBAT THIS PARTICULAR PHENOMENON, MEMBER STATES SHOULD COLLECTIVELY ENSURE EQUITABLE UTILIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WATER RESOURCES. THE PLAN OF ACTION SHOULD, THEREFORE, CONTAIN A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING CONTROLLED MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF SHARED WATER RESOURCES AS A MEANS TO PROMOTE BONDS OF COOPERATION, AND WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING HYDROLOGICAL QUANDARY, AND IN PURSUANCE OF THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN REGARDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN USE OF SHARED WATER RESOURCES, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

3. RECOMMENDATION 19:

(A) CODIFICATION OF THE LAW IN RESPECT OF THE NON-NAVIGATIONAL USES OF INTERNATIONAL WATER COURSES IS IMPERATIVE AND URGENT. THEREFORE, THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION SHOULD BE EXPEDITED WITH A VIEW TO EARLY CONCLUSION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

(B) UNTIL AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IS FRAMED, THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATELY FRAMING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND USE OF SHARED WATER RESOURCES FOR WHICH THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PROVIDES A SATISFACTORY AND SOUND BASIS. END QUOTE.

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